

# Protein metabolism

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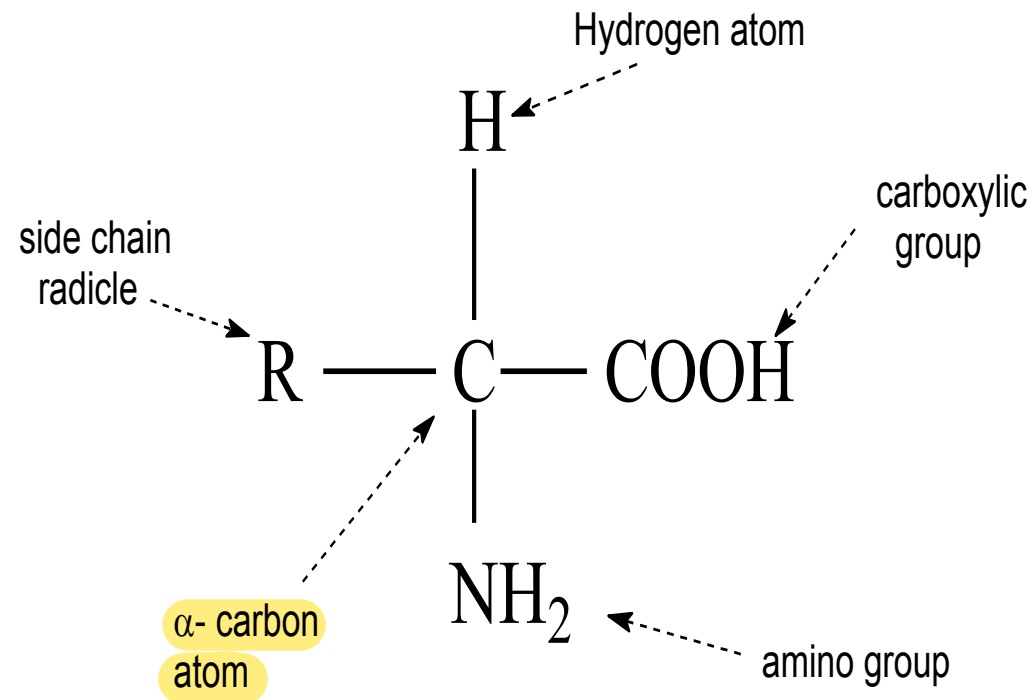
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# Proteins

- ❑ **Nitrogen** is a characteristic component of proteins forming about **16%** of their weight i.e. 100 g of protein contains 16 g of nitrogen.
- ❑ **Proteins are not stored in body** as such ✓
- ❑ Amino acids are degraded by deamination to ammonia and  $\alpha$ -ketoacid  
*↳ urea cycle*  
*↳ continue metabolism*
- ❑ Ammonia is used to produce urea and excreted in urine ✓
- ❑  $\alpha$ -ketoacid can be metabolized to  $\text{CO}_2$  and water, glucose, fatty acid or ketone bodies

□ L-a-Amino acids are the structural or the building units of proteins

□ The common amino acids have the general structure depicted in the following figure:



Representation of  $\alpha$  Amino Acid

# ✓ Abbreviations for the 20 Amino Acids

| Amino Acid    | Abbreviation      |            | Amino Acid    | Abbreviation      |            |
|---------------|-------------------|------------|---------------|-------------------|------------|
|               | Three letter      | One letter |               | Three letter      | One letter |
| Alanine       | <b><i>Ala</i></b> | <b>A</b>   | Leucine       | <b><i>Leu</i></b> | <b>L</b>   |
| Arginine      | <b><i>Arg</i></b> | <b>R</b>   | Lysine        | <b><i>Lys</i></b> | <b>K</b>   |
| Asparagine    | <b><i>Asn</i></b> | <b>N</b>   | Methionine    | <b><i>Met</i></b> | <b>M</b>   |
| Aspartic acid | <b><i>Asp</i></b> | <b>D</b>   | Phenylalanine | <b><i>Phe</i></b> | <b>F</b>   |
| Cysteine      | <b><i>Cys</i></b> | <b>C</b>   | Proline       | <b><i>Pro</i></b> | <b>P</b>   |
| Glycine       | <b><i>Gly</i></b> | <b>G</b>   | Serine        | <b><i>Ser</i></b> | <b>S</b>   |
| Glutamine     | <b><i>Gln</i></b> | <b>Q</b>   | Threonine     | <b><i>Thr</i></b> | <b>T</b>   |
| Glutamic acid | <b><i>Glu</i></b> | <b>E</b>   | Tryptophan    | <b><i>Trp</i></b> | <b>W</b>   |
| Histidine     | <b><i>His</i></b> | <b>H</b>   | Tyrosine      | <b><i>Tyr</i></b> | <b>Y</b>   |
| Isoleucine    | <b><i>Ile</i></b> | <b>I</b>   | Valine        | <b><i>Val</i></b> | <b>V</b>   |

# Metabolic Classification of Amino Acids

glucose      الوصيد إلى ما أقدر أمنع منهم      Leucine  
 +  
 Lysine

|              | Glucogenic<br>(A)(G)   | Glucogenic and Ketogenic<br><i>All Aromatic</i><br>+ isoleucine | Ketogenic<br>start with (L) |
|--------------|--|---|-----------------------------|
| Nonessential | Alanine<br>Arginine<br>Asparagine<br>Aspartate<br>Cysteine<br>Glutamate<br>Glutamine<br>Glycine<br>Proline<br>Serine | Tyrosine<br>1   |                             |
| Essential    | Histidine<br>Methionine<br>Threonine<br>Valine   | 2<br>Isoleucine<br>Phenylalanine<br>3<br>Tryptophan<br>4        | Leucine<br>Lysine           |

Which of the following amino acids is essential ketogenic:

1.  Leucine
2.  Alanine
3.  Asparagine
4.  Glutamate
5.  Serine



# Amino acid metabolism

## □ Amino acid pool:

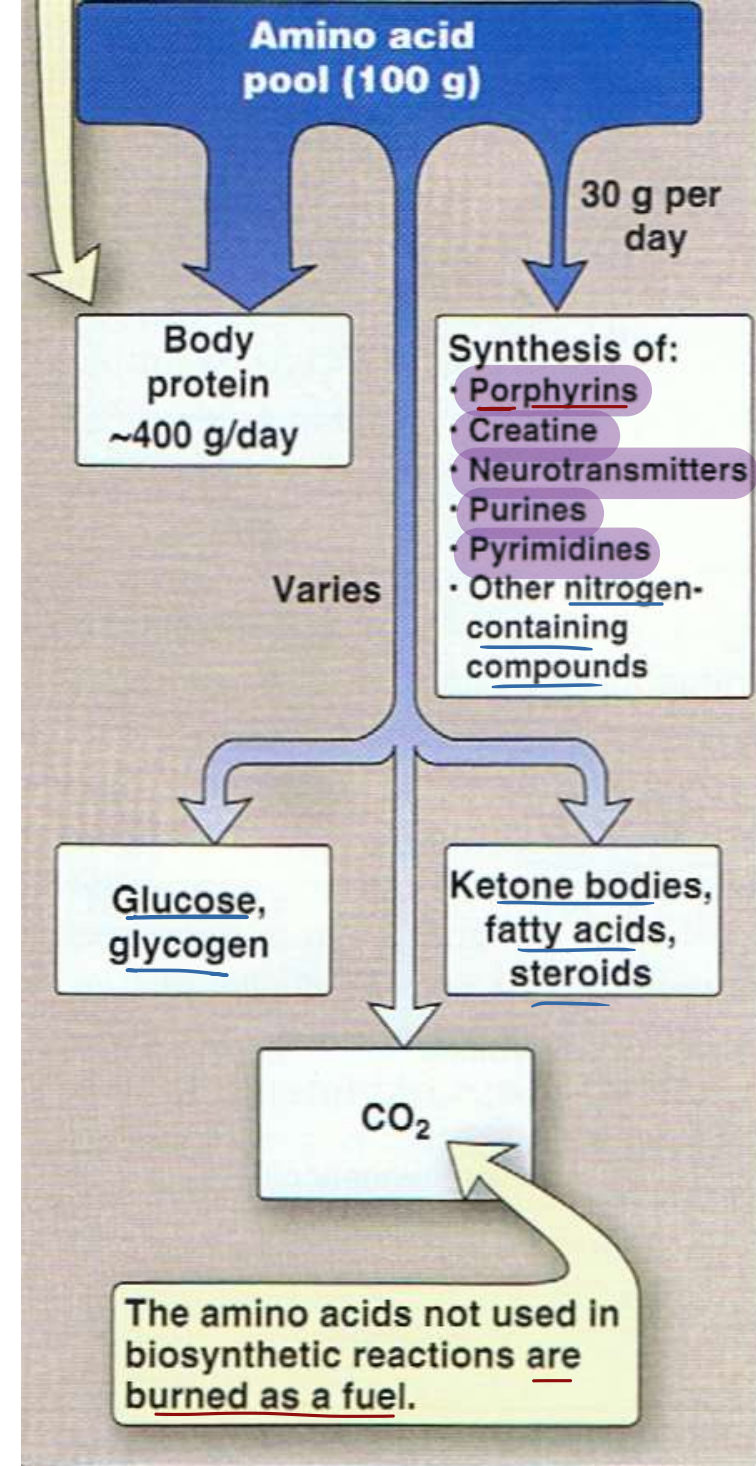
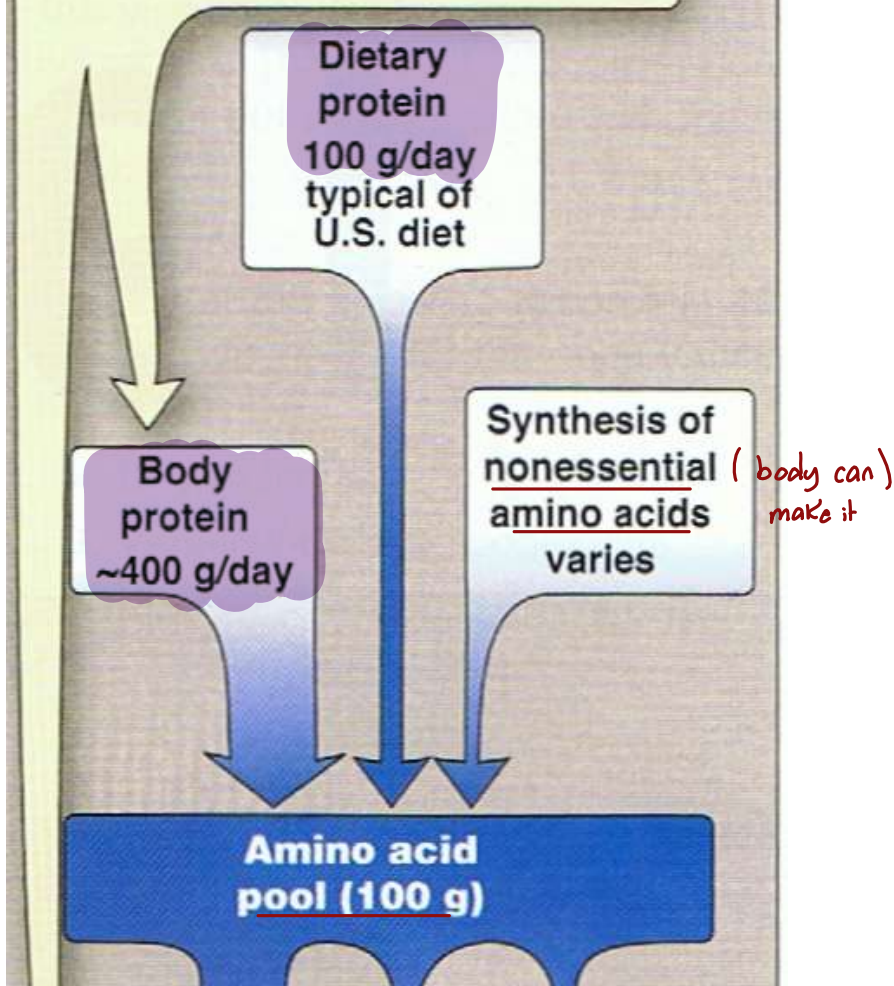
- There is about 12 kg of protein in 70 kg man
- 75% of aa are used in synthesis of new tissue proteins
- The remainder is used as precursor for synthesis of many substances

## □ Protein turnover:

- Proteins are constantly degraded and synthesized which is regulated by the concentration of protein in the cell
- 300-400 g of proteins are hydrolyzed and resynthesized/day
- Protein turnover varies: short lived (regulatory and misfolded proteins), long-lived (most of tissue proteins) and structurally stable (collagen)

## TURNOVER

Protein turnover results from the simultaneous synthesis and degradation of protein molecules. In healthy adults, the total amount of protein in the body remains constant because the rate of protein synthesis is just sufficient to replace the protein that is degraded.



\* I can't synthesize glucose from "fatty acids" just from "glycerol"

# Nitrogen Balance

- anabolic state -

■ **Positive Nitrogen Balance** means N2 intake is more than N2 output: إلى دخل أكثر من إلى طلع لأصح بنيني فيه و نستخدمه

□ This exists when intake of N2 exceeds the output. It occurs whenever new tissues are being built up for example:

- 1- During growth (growing children).
- 2- Pregnancy.
- 3- Muscular training.
- 4- Convulsions from different diseases.  
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# Nitrogen Balance

*catabolic state*

## B. **Negative Nitrogen Balance:** N<sub>2</sub> Output is more than N<sub>2</sub> intake:

- It occurs in cases of : *follow logic*
  - 1- **Decreased protein intake:** e.g. starvation, malnutrition and G.I.T. diseases. *(malabsorption)* *سوء تغذية*
  - 2- **Increased Loss of proteins:** e.g. in chronic hemorrhage, albuminuria and Lactation on an inadequate protein diet.
  - 3- **Increased of protein catabolism:** e.g. fever, hyperthyroidism, diabetes mellitus, Cushing syndrome, advanced cancer and post-surgical.
  
- Prolonged periods of negative nitrogen balance are dangerous and may lead to death.

Which produces positive nitrogen balance:

1.  Diabetes Mellitus
2.  Growing children
3.  Albuminuria
4.  Hyperthyroidism
5.  Starvation

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Positive Nitrogen :

Muscle training

DM

Albuminuria

All choices

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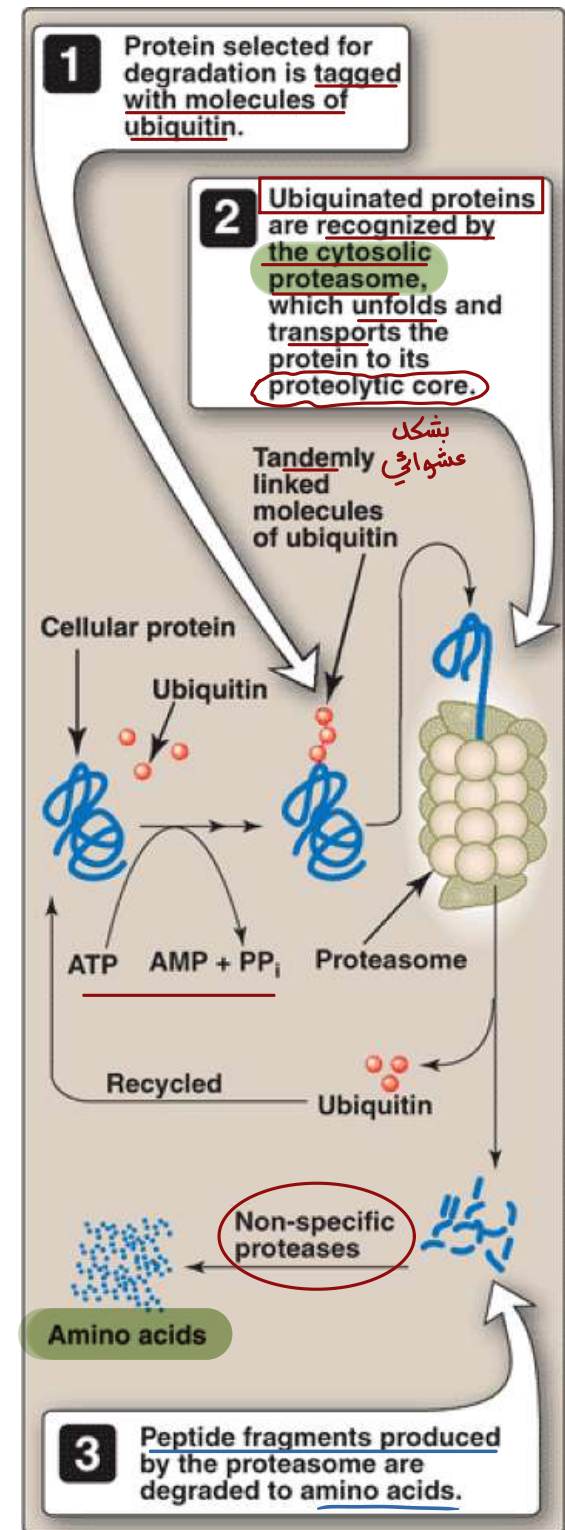
ubiquitination

labeling  $\text{تَعلِيق}$

for proteins that  
need to be degraded

# Protein metabolism

- ❑ Protein degradation occurs by:
  - ❑ energy dependent ubiquitin-proteasome mechanism (endogenous proteins)
  - ❑ non-energy dependent lysosomes (extracellular protein)
- ❑ Oxidized or ubiquitin tagged proteins are preferentially degraded
- ❑ Certain aa sequences:
  - ❑ Serine (S) at N-terminal: long  $t_{1/2}$  (>20 hr)
  - ❑ Aspartate (D) at N-terminal: short  $t_{1/2}$  (3 min)
  - ❑ Proteins rich in the sequence (PEST) are rapidly degraded
    - proline
    - glutamic acid
    - threonine
    - Serine



# Digestion of proteins

- ❑ protein is antigenic i.e. able to stimulate an immunologic response. The digestion of protein destroys its antigenicity. So, proteins must be digested into amino acids:

## 1) In the stomach :

A- **gastric acid**: denature the protein

B- **Pepsin**: is the major proteolytic enzyme in the stomach :

" protease "

- ❑ Pepsin is produced and secreted by the **chief cells** of the stomach as the inactive zymogen, pepsinogen, which activated by HCl produced by **parietal cells** of stomach.
- ❑ Pepsin catalyzes the cleavage of proteins into smaller polypeptides.

**2) in small intestine**: large polypeptides are further cleaved to oligopeptides and amino acids by a group of pancreatic proteases.

Each of these enzymes has a different specificity (**trypsin** cleaves only at C-terminal of arginine or lysine).

Activation of zymogens: **Enteropeptidase** converts the pancreatic trypsinogen to trypsin which starts a cascade of proteolytic activity, because trypsin is the activator of all the pancreatic zymogens

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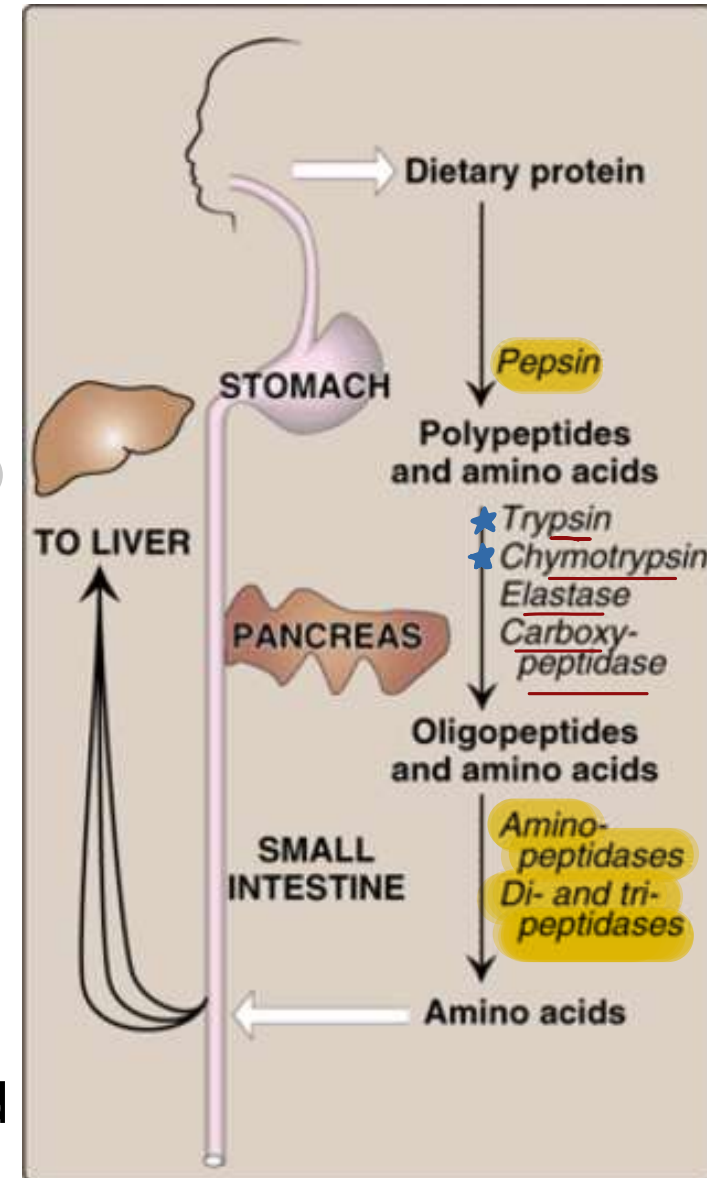
# Digestion of proteins

## Abnormalities in protein digestion:

- ❑ In individuals with a **deficiency in pancreatic secretion** (chronic pancreatitis, cystic fibrosis, or surgical removal of the pancreas), the digestion and absorption of fat and protein is incomplete.
- ❑ This results in the abnormal appearance of lipids (Steatorrhea) and undigested protein in the feces.

## Digestion of oligopeptides by enzymes of the small intestine

- ❑ The luminal surface of the intestine contains **aminopeptidase** (an exopeptidase that repeatedly cleaves the N-terminal residue of oligopeptides to produce free amino acids and smaller peptides).



If you would like to remember ★

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# Lipid malabsorption (Steatorrhea)

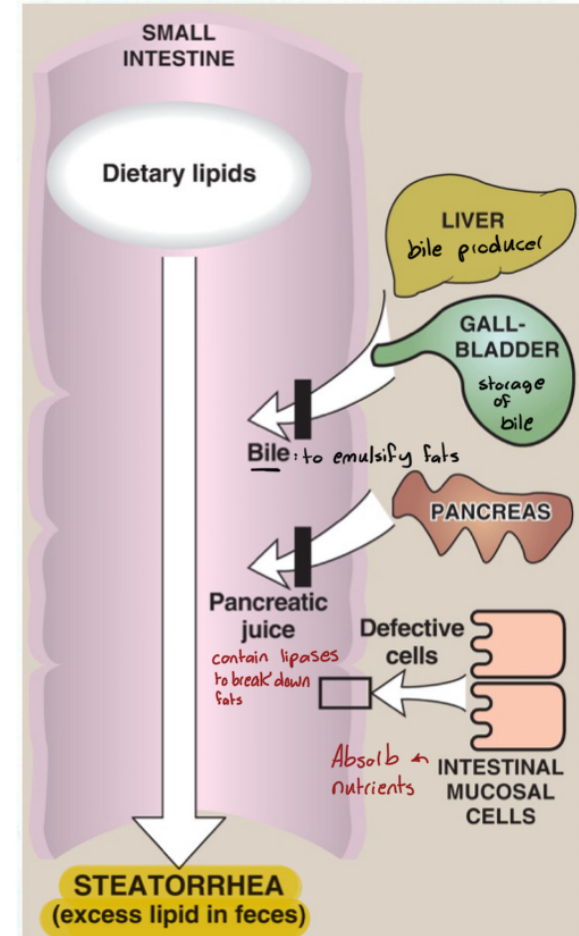
**Cystic fibrosis** No pancreatic juice

**Shortened bowel** low surface area ↓ for absorption

Both causes decrease in absorption of lipids (including fat soluble vitamins and essential fatty acids) leading to increase in lipids in feces (Steatorrhea)

B. Cystic fibrosis

CF is the most common lethal genetic disease in Caucasians of Northern European ancestry and has a prevalence of ~1:3,300 births in the United States. CF is an autosomal-recessive disorder caused by mutations to the gene for the CF transmembrane conductance regulator (CFTR) protein that functions as a chloride channel on epithelium in the pancreas, lungs, testes, and sweat glands. Defective CFTR results in decreased secretion of chloride and increased uptake of sodium and water. In the pancreas, the depletion of water on the cell surface results in thickened mucus that clogs the pancreatic ducts, preventing pancreatic enzymes from reaching the intestine, thereby leading to pancreatic insufficiency. Treatment includes replacement of these enzymes and supplementation with fat-soluble vitamins. [Note: CF also causes chronic lung infections with progressive pulmonary disease and male infertility.]



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Steatorrhea may be caused by all of the following except:

- 1.  Cystic fibrosis
- 2.  Gall bladder obstruction
- 3.  Pancreatic duct obstruction
- 4.  Orlistat intake
- 5.  None of the above

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Orlistat (antiobesity drug) inhibits gastric and pancreatic lipase and so decrease the absorption of fat (also the fat soluble vitamins) ARED

# Absorption of amino acids and dipeptides

- ❑ Free amino acids and dipeptides are taken up by the intestinal epithelial cells.
- ❑ the dipeptides are hydrolyzed in the cytosol to amino acids before being released into the portal system (only free amino acids are found in the portal vein)
- ❑ The absorption of amino acid is active process that needs energy (ATP). ✓

# Transport of aa to the cells

SGLT

- ❑ Amino acids are transported to the cells by active transport systems, driven by the hydrolysis of ATP
- ❑ At least <sup>7</sup> seven different transport systems are known that have overlapping specificities for different amino acids.
- ❑ For example, one transport system is responsible for reabsorption of the amino acids cystine, ornithine, arginine, and lysine in kidney tubules.

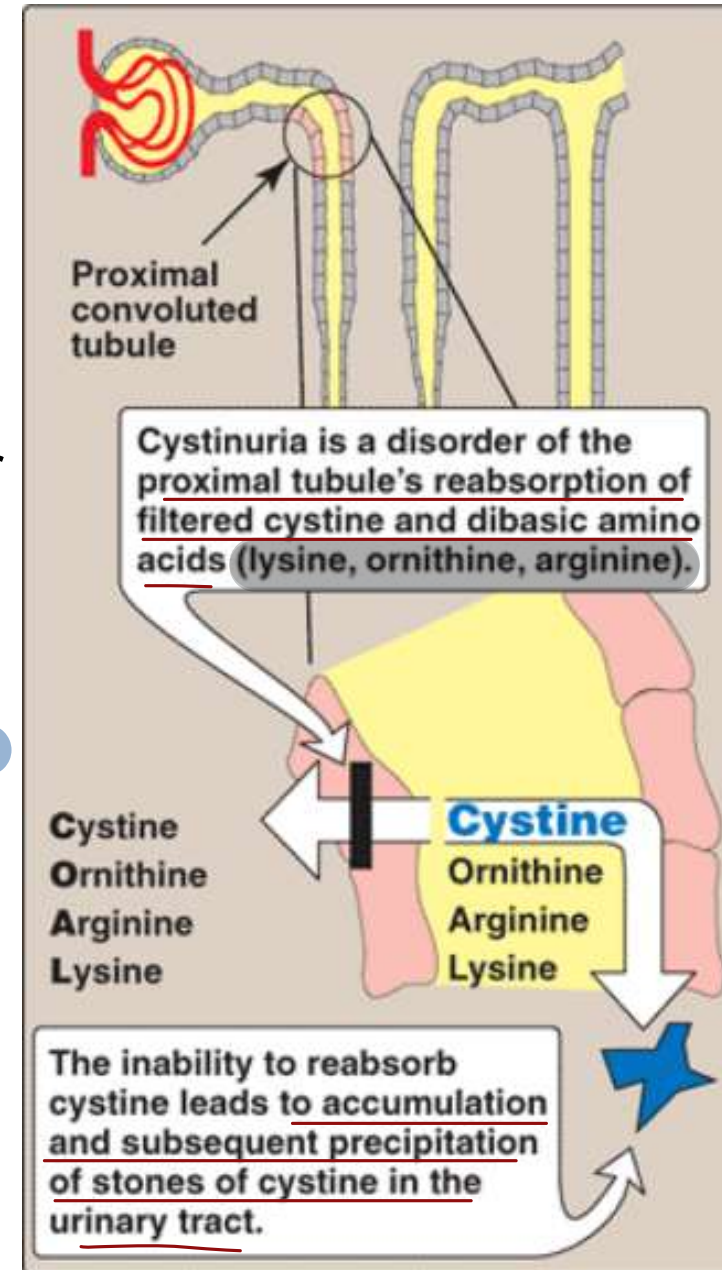
"COLA"

Basic  
amino  
acids

# Cystinuria

*cystine in urine*

- ❑ In the inherited disorder **cystinuria**, this **carrier system is defective**, resulting in the appearance of all four amino acids in the urine.
- ❑ Cystinuria is the most common genetic error of amino acid transport.
- ❑ The disease expresses itself clinically by the **precipitation of cystine to form kidney stones (calculi)** that may block the urinary tract.
- **Oral hydration** is important in treatment for this disorder



# Removal of nitrogen from aa

*transfer of amino groups*  
transamination  
*oxidative deamination*

- ❑ Removing the  $\alpha$ -amino group is essential for producing energy from any amino acid
- ❑ transamination and oxidative deamination reactions which provide **ammonia** and **aspartate**, the two sources of urea nitrogen
- ❑ The first step is transfer their  $\alpha$ -amino group to  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate to produce an  **$\alpha$ -ketoacid** and **glutamate**.
- ❑ **Glutamate** produced by transamination can be oxidatively deaminated or used as an amino group donor in the synthesis of nonessential amino acids.

# Transamination

❑ The transfer of amino groups from one carbon skeleton to another is catalyzed by a family of enzymes called **aminotransferases**.

❑ These enzymes are found in the cytosol of cells throughout the body (especially the liver, kidney, intestine, and muscle).

All but KT

❑ All amino acids (except lysine and threonine) participate in transamination at some point in their catabolism.

❑ Lysine and threonine lose their  $\alpha$ -amino groups by deamination

All amino acids → transamination

Lysine + threonine → Deamination

KT

# Aminotransferases

- Each aminotransferase is specific for one or, at most, a few amino group donors and named after that enzyme
- Alanine aminotransferase (ALT): enzyme catalyzes (reversibly) the transfer of the amino group of alanine to  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate, resulting in the formation of pyruvate and glutamate.
- Aspartate aminotransferase (AST) is During amino acid catabolism, AST transfers amino groups from glutamate to oxaloacetate, forming aspartate, which is used as a source of nitrogen in the urea cycle
- All aminotransferases require the coenzyme pyridoxal phosphate

vitamin B6

Shortening of the chains:

*rate limiting enzyme*

$\alpha(1-4)$  is cleaved by **glycogen phosphorylase** until four glycosyl units remain on each chain before branch point

The enzyme utilize **pyridoxal phosphate** which is required as coenzyme (vitamin B6)

pyridoxal phosphate

pyridoxal phosphate as a coenzyme

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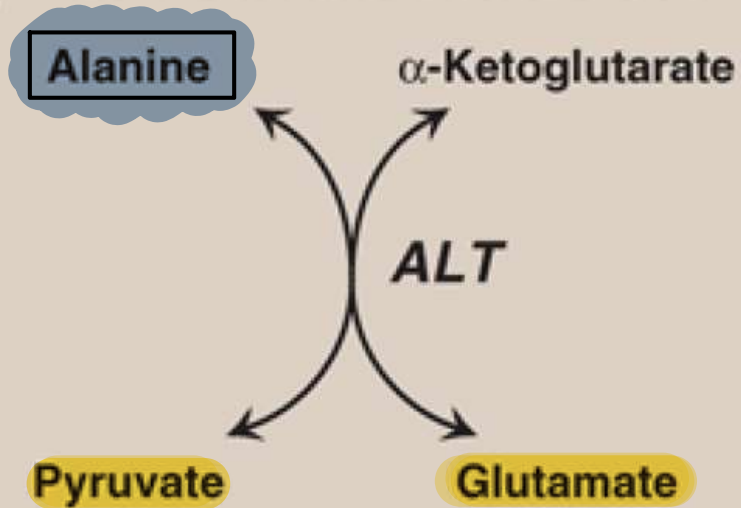
Glycogen phosphorylase and aminotransferase

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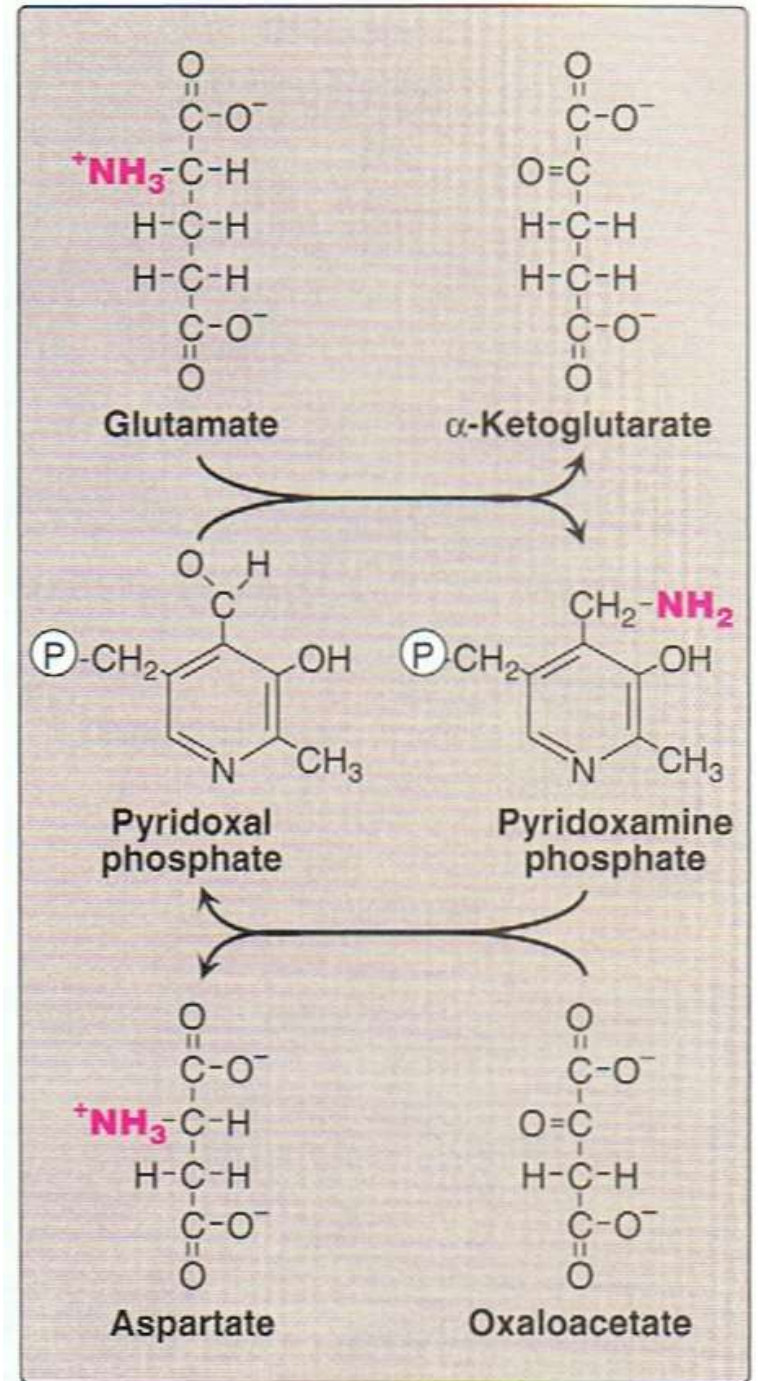
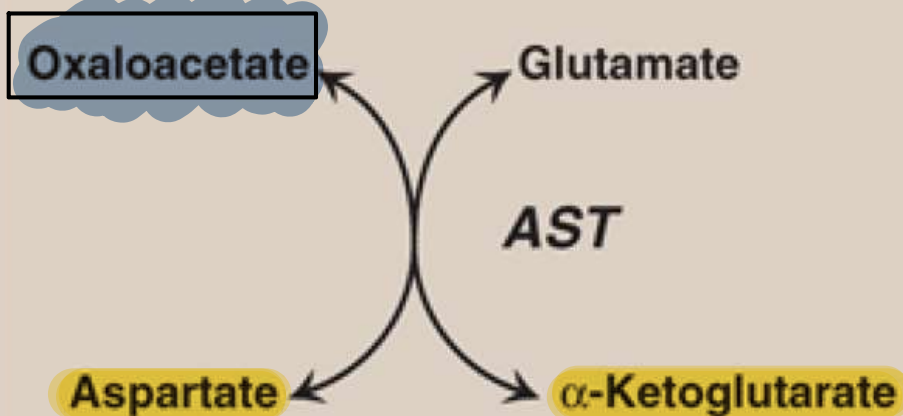
Oxaloacetat + glutamate :

Aspartate

### A Alanine aminotransferase



### B Aspartate aminotransferase



# Diagnostic value of plasma aminotransferases

□ Aminotransferases are normally intracellular enzymes, (low levels in the plasma)

□ The presence of elevated plasma levels of aminotransferases indicates damage to cells rich in these enzymes. Two aminotransferases (AST and ALT) are of particular diagnostic value when they are found in the plasma.

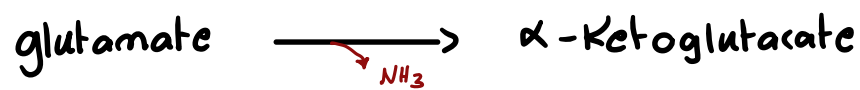
For example, the enzyme **alanine aminotransferase (ALT)** is abundant in the liver. The appearance of elevated levels of ALT in plasma signals possible damage to **hepatic tissue**.

a. **hepatic disease**: Plasma AST and ALT are elevated in nearly all liver diseases, specially in extensive cell necrosis (severe viral hepatitis, toxic injury, and prolonged circulatory collapse).

**Elevated serum bilirubin** results from hepatocellular damage that decreases the hepatic conjugation and excretion of bilirubin

↓ hepatic conjugation  
↓ bilirubin excretion

b. **Nonhepatic disease**: Aminotransferases may be elevated in nonhepatic disease (myocardial infarction and muscle disorders) but those can be clinically distinguished.



# Glutamate dehydrogenase

(the oxidative deamination of amino acids)

- It is the transfer amino groups from glutamate, oxidative deamination, by glutamate dehydrogenase results in the liberation of the amino group as free ammonia.  $NH_3$  for urea cycle

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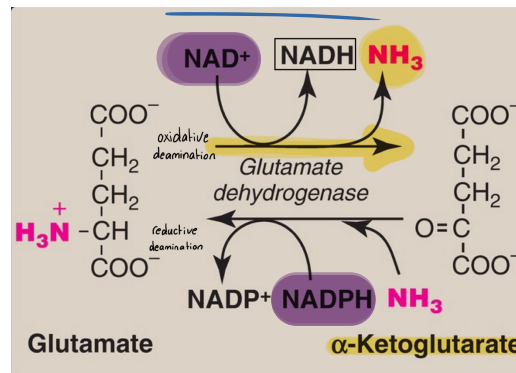
- occur primarily in the liver and kidney.

- Glutamate is unique in that it is the only amino acid that undergoes rapid oxidative deamination

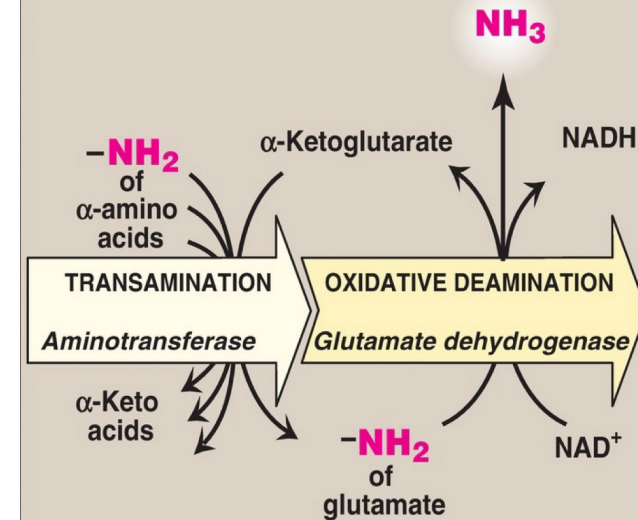
- Glutamate dehydrogenase can use either NAD or NADP as a coenzyme. NAD is used primarily in oxidative deamination and NADPH is used in reductive amination

$NAD^+$  oxidative deamination

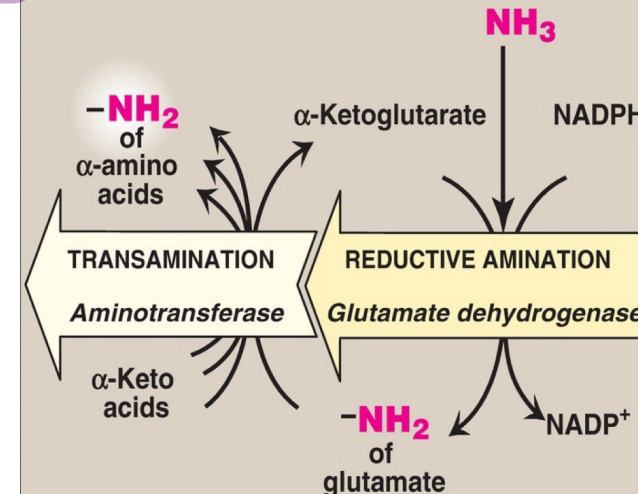
$NADP^+$  reductive amination



## A Disposal of amino acids



## B Synthesis of amino acids



ATP / GTP

inhibit it

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# Glutamate dehydrogenase

↑ ATP و يصنع Krebs cycle

- ❑ The direction of the reaction depends on the relative concentrations of glutamate, α-ketoglutarate. and ammonia, and the ratio of oxidized to reduced coenzymes.
- ❑ After ingestion of a meal containing protein, glutamate levels in the liver are elevated and enhance amino acid degradation and the formation of ammonia  
protein ↑ - glutamate ↑ → a.a degradation ↑ - NH<sub>3</sub> Formation ↑
- ❑ The reaction can also be used to synthesize amino acids from the corresponding α-ketoacids
- ❑ ATP and GTP are allosteric inhibitors of glutamate dehydrogenase, whereas ADP and GDP are activators of the enzyme.

most amino acids in human body  
are in L-form



# D-Amino acid oxidase

dependent on FAD

liver

can't be used for protein synthesis

- D-Amino acids are present in the diet, and are efficiently metabolized by the liver using D-Amino acid oxidase (FAD-dependent enzyme) that catalyzes the oxidative deamination of these amino acid isomers.
- The resulting  $\alpha$ -ketoacids can enter the general pathways of amino acid metabolism, and be reaminated to L-isomers, or catabalized for energy.

(transamination)  $\rightarrow$  L-amino acid

## One-line exam summary

D-amino acid oxidase is an FAD-dependent liver enzyme that performs oxidative deamination of dietary D-amino acids to form  $\alpha$ -keto acids, which can be converted to L-amino acids or used for energy.

في ثلاث انزيمات موجودين بالجسم فقط بالكبد  
يعني **exclusively in liver**

Arginase

Gluceronol kinase

D amino acid oxidase

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مو عارفة اذا صح متذكرة السؤال

بس كانه جابت ايش الانزيم يلي ما يكون بالكبد

1) arginase **only liver**

2) a 7 hydroxylase **only liver** →

3) glycerol kinase **liver**

The rate-limiting step in bile acid synthesis is the introduction of a hydroxyl group at carbon 7 of the steroid nucleus by **cholesterol-7- $\alpha$ -hydroxylase**, an ER-associated cytochrome P450 (CYP) enzyme **found only in liver**

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(4) انزيم غريب ناسية اسمه بس حطيته هو

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HMG enzyme?

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السؤال  
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toxic

# Transport of ammonia from tissues to the liver

There are two mechanisms: *transport as glutamine (most tissues)*  
*transport as Alanine (mostly muscles)*

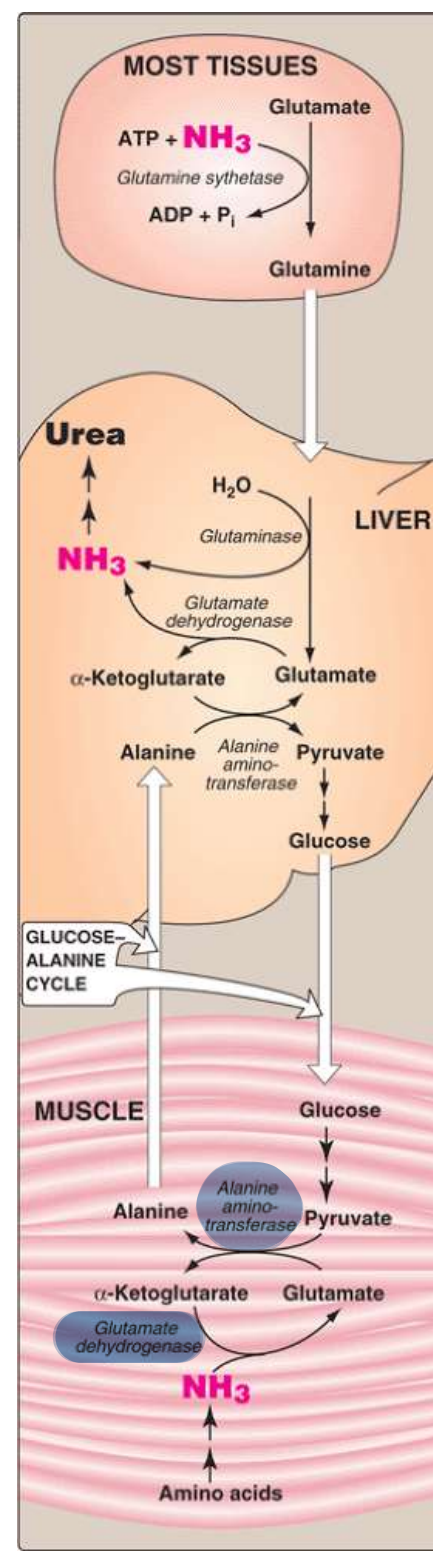
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# Ammonia transport

As glutamine (most tissues)

- glutamine synthetase  
↳ combines  $\text{NH}_3 + \text{glutamate} \xrightarrow{+\text{ATP}}$  glutamine "non toxic"

- glutaminase  
↳ removes  $\text{NH}_3$  again

Ammonia is free to enter  
urea cycle

As Alanine (mostly muscle)

In fasting / exercise

"glucose Alanine cycle"

Alanine transaminase

↳ pyruvate + glutamate (a.a) → Alanine +  $\alpha$ -Ketoglutarate

↓ undergoes  
transamination

Alanine → pyruvate

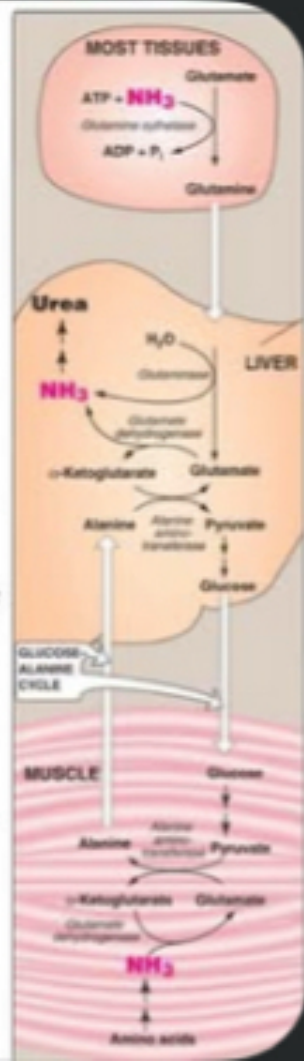
| Feature        | Glutamine pathway      | Alanine pathway                           |
|----------------|------------------------|---|
| Main tissues   | Most tissues           | Muscle                                    |
| Transport form | Glutamine              | Alanine                                   |
| Main purpose   | Safe ammonia transport | Ammonia transport +<br>glucose production |
| Key enzyme     | Glutamine synthetase   | ALT                                       |
| Liver enzyme   | Glutaminase            | ALT                                       |
| Uses ATP?      | Yes                    | No direct ATP in transamination           |

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## C) Transport of ammonia from tissues to the liver

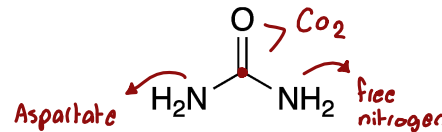
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# UREA CYCLE

- ❑ Urea is the major disposal form of amino groups derived from amino acids (90% of the nitrogen-containing components of urine).
- ❑ One nitrogen of the urea molecule is supplied by free NH<sub>3</sub>, and the other nitrogen by aspartate, the carbon and oxygen of urea are derived from CO<sub>2</sub>.



- ❑ Urea is produced by the liver, and then is transported in the blood to the kidneys for excretion in the urine.

- ❑ Reactions of the cycle:

1. Formation of carbamoyl phosphate by carbamoyl phosphate synthetase I which requires 2 ATP. N-acetylglutamate is required as allosteric activator. (CPS-I)

# UREA CYCLE

2. Formation of citrulline: Ornithine and citrulline are basic amino acids that participate in the urea cycle (But not into cellular proteins, no codons). citrulline is transported to the cytosol.
3. Citrulline condenses with aspartate to form argininosuccinate. The  $\alpha$ -amino group of aspartate provides the second nitrogen that is ultimately incorporated into urea, which is driven by the cleavage of ATP to AMP and pyrophosphate (PPi).
4. Argininosuccinate is cleaved to yield arginine and fumarate. The arginine formed by this reaction serves as the immediate precursor of urea. Fumarate can reenter the TCA cycle
5. Cleavage of arginine to ornithine and urea by **arginase** occurs almost exclusively in the liver, whereas other tissues (kidney), can synthesize arginine by these reactions

Which of the following is basic amino acid:

- Ornithine ✓
- Citrulline
- Glycine
- Carnitine
- None of the choices

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# UREA CYCLE

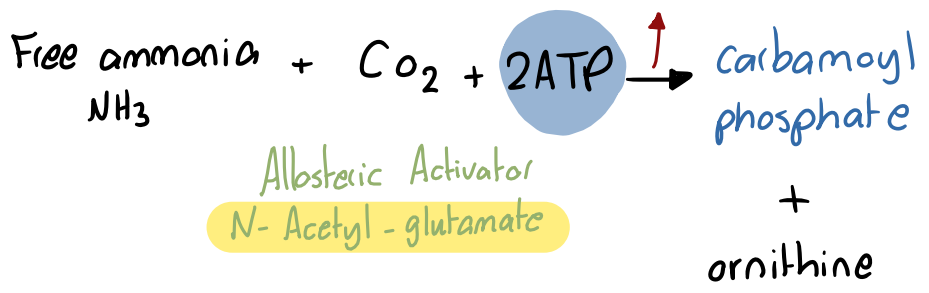
- ✓ 6. Fate of urea: Urea diffuses from the liver, and is transported in the blood to the kidneys, where it is filtered and excreted in the urine.

A portion of the urea diffuses from the blood into the intestine, and is cleaved to CO<sub>2</sub> and NH<sub>3</sub> by bacterial urease. This ammonia is partly lost in the feces and is partly reabsorbed into the blood.

In patients with kidney failure, plasma urea levels are elevated (hyperammonemia), promoting a greater transfer of urea from blood into the gut.

★ Oral administration of neomycin reduces the number of intestinal bacteria responsible for this NH<sub>3</sub> production.

**Mitochondria** (CPS-I) carbamoyl phosphate synthetase I



citrulline

citrulline + Aspartate



Argininosuccinate

sumarate  $\rightarrow$  continue Krebs cycle

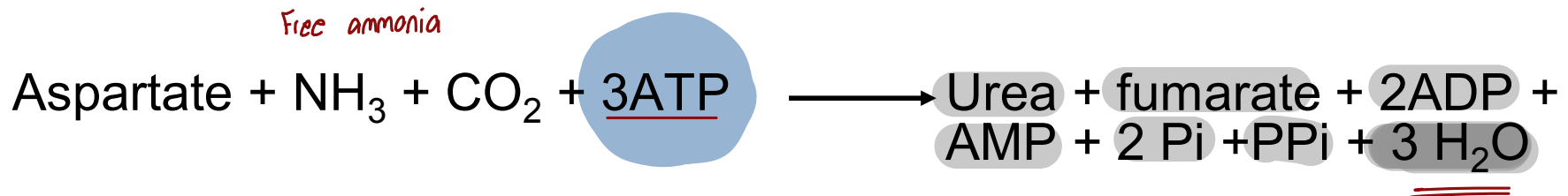
Arginine

Arginase only in liver

ornithine + urea

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# Overall stoichiometry of the urea cycle



- the synthesis of urea is irreversible, with a large, negative  $\Delta G$ .

## Regulation of the urea cycle

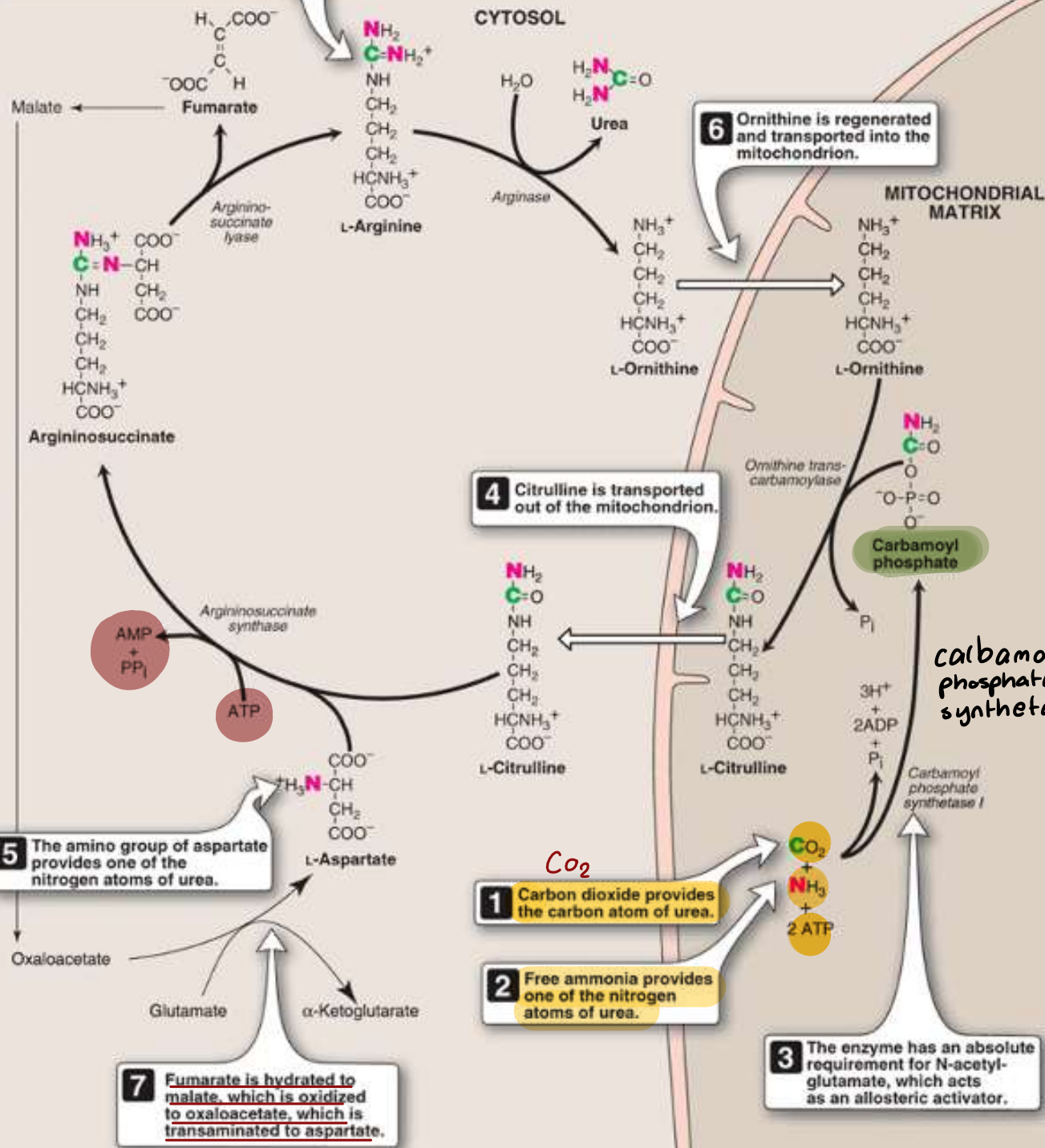


- **N-Acetylglutamate** is an essential activator for **carbamoyl phosphate synthetase I** (the rate-limiting step in the urea cycle) (synthesized from acetyl CoA and glutamate using arginine as an activator).
- the intrahepatic concentration of N-acetylglutamate increases after ingestion of a protein-rich meal, which provides both the substrate (glutamate) and the regulator of N-acetylglutamate synthesis.
- This leads to an increased rate of urea synthesis.

- Rate-limiting enzyme of urea cycle: CPS I
- Activator of CPS I: N-acetylglutamate
- Activator of NAG synthesis: Arginine

$\uparrow \text{Arginine} \rightarrow \uparrow \text{N-acetylglutamate} \rightarrow \uparrow \text{CPS I activity} \rightarrow \uparrow \text{Urea synthesis}$

**8** Tissues in addition to the liver use this pathway to make arginine.



carbamoyl phosphate synthetase I

N-acetyl-glutamate (Allosteric activator)

**Which is incorrect about urea cycle:**

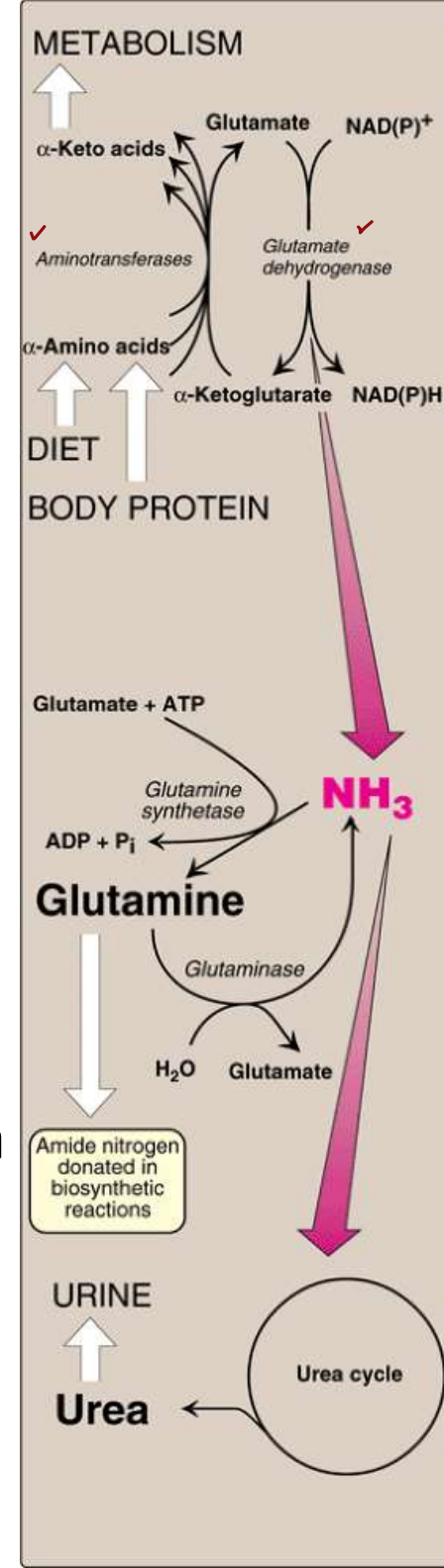
1.  It occurs exclusively in the liver to produce urea
2.  The nitrogen's of urea molecule are supplied by free ammonia and aspartate
3.  The rate limiting enzyme is carbamoyl phosphate synthetase I
4.  Oral administration of neomycin inhibits urea cycle in renal failure patients
5.  Ornithine is synthesized from arginine in the liver

Next

إضافة ملاحظة

# Metabolism of ammonia

- ❑ Slight increase in the concentration of urea in blood leads to hyperammonemia which is toxic to the CNS
- ❑ Sources of ammonia:
  - ❑ **From amino acids:** mainly in liver by the aminotransferase and glutamate dehydrogenase reactions
  - ❑ **From glutamine:** The kidneys form ammonia from glutamine by the action of renal glutaminase. Ammonia is also obtained from the hydrolysis of glutamine by intestinal glutaminase.
  - ❑ **From bacterial action in the intestine:** Ammonia is formed from urea by the action of bacterial urease in the lumen of the intestine.
  - ❑ **From amines:** Amines obtained from the diet, and monoamines that serve as hormones or neurotransmitters
  - ❑ **From the catabolism of purines and pyrimidines**



# Transport of ammonia in circulation { As urea As glutamine

- ❑ **As urea:** the most disposal form of ammonia which moves from liver to the kidney
- ❑ **As Glutamine:**
  - ❑ Occurs primarily in the muscle and liver and nervous system.
  - ❑ Circulating glutamine is removed by the kidneys and deaminated by glutaminase.

## Hyperammonemia

- ❑ when the liver function is compromised, due either to genetic defects of the urea cycle, or liver disease, blood levels can rise above 1000  $\mu\text{mol/L}$ .
- ❑ hyperammonemia is a medical emergency, because ammonia has a direct neurotoxic effect on the CNS (tremors, slurring of speech, somnolence, vomiting, cerebral edema, and blurring of vision).
- ❑ At high concentrations, ammonia can cause coma and death.

# hyperammonia

## Acquired

- viral hepatitis
- ischemia
- hepatotoxins
- cirrhosis
- Alcoholism
- hepatitis
- biliary obstruction

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result in collateral circulation around the liver

## heredity

most common disorder:

Ornithine transcarbamoylase deficiency

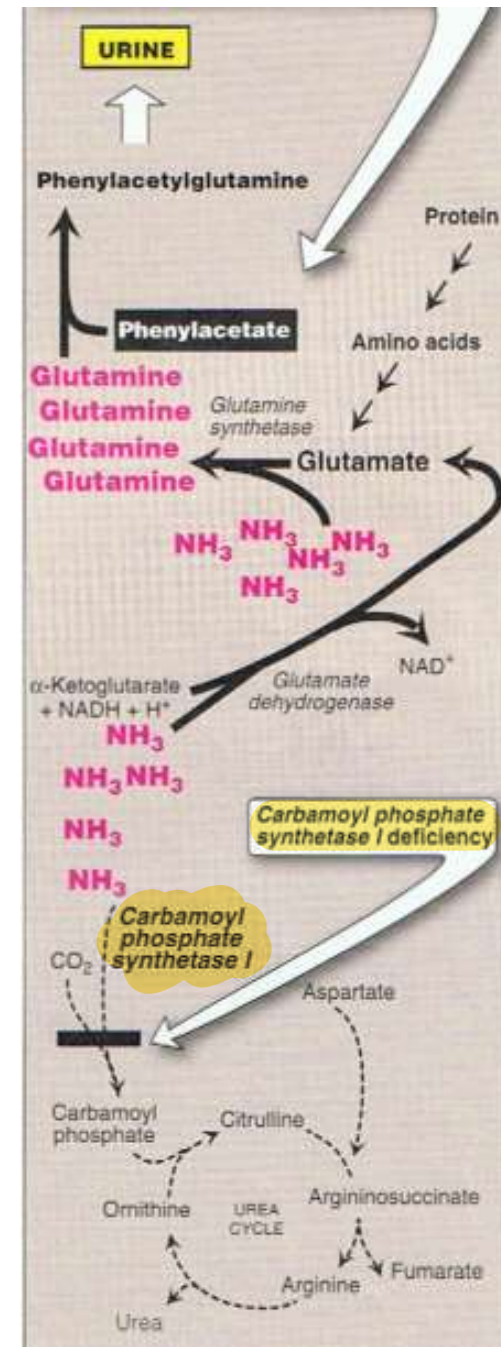
- X linked
- affects men predominantly

but most urea cycle disorders are autosomal recessive

# Hyperammonemia

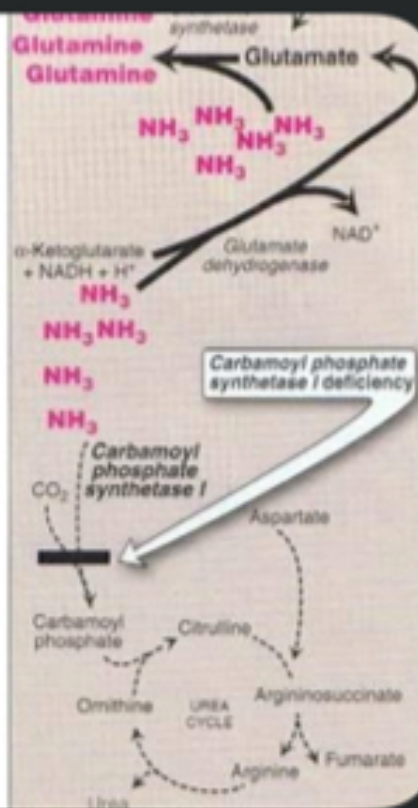
- ❑ **Acquired hyperammonemia:** It may be due to viral hepatitis, ischemia, or hepatotoxins. Cirrhosis of the liver caused by alcoholism, hepatitis, or biliary obstruction may result in formation of collateral circulation around the liver.
- ❑ **Hereditary hyperammonemia:** Genetic deficiencies of each of the five enzymes of the urea cycle had an overall prevalence estimated to be 1 in 30,000 live births.
  - ❑ **Ornithine transcarbamoylase deficiency**, which is X-linked, is the most common of these disorders, affecting males predominantly
  - ❑ All of the other urea cycle disorders follow an autosomal recessive inheritance pattern. The failure to synthesize urea leads to hyperammonemia during the first weeks following birth leading to mental retardation
  - ❑ Treatment includes:
    - ❑ limiting protein in the diet
    - ❑ administering compounds that bind covalently to amino acids, producing nitrogen-containing molecules that are excreted in the urine (phenylbutyrate given orally is converted to phenylacetate)

OTC deficiency



## جابت سؤال عن العامل الوراثي وكان بدها شو الخطأ

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Which of the following statements is **INCORRECT** regarding hereditary hyperammonemia?

- A. Deficiencies of urea cycle enzymes can lead to hyperammonemia in newborns
- B. Ornithine transcarbamoylase deficiency is X-linked and most common
- C. All urea cycle disorders are inherited in an autosomal recessive pattern
- D. Failure of urea synthesis leads to accumulation of ammonia

**Answer: C**

✓ Incorrect because **OTC deficiency is X-linked**, not autosomal recessive.

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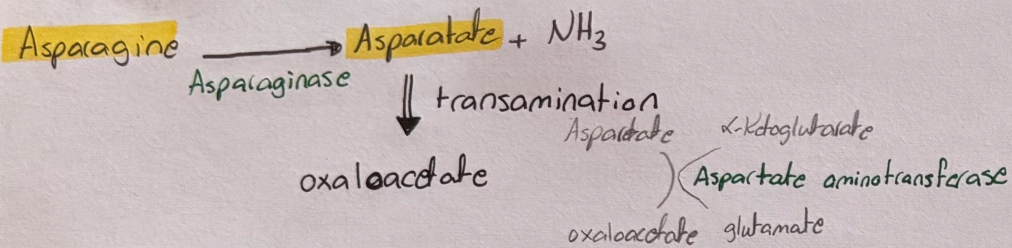
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glucogenic  
or  
Ketogenic

a.a forms

**oxaloacetate**

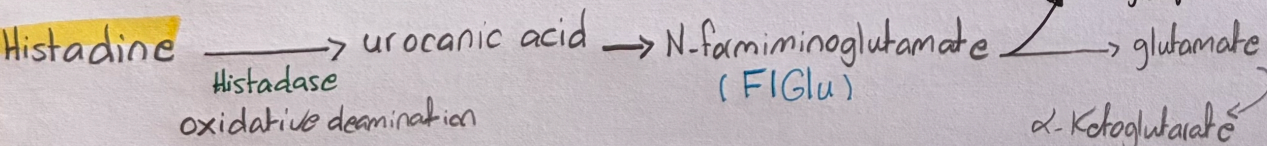
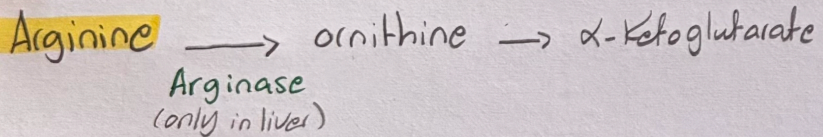
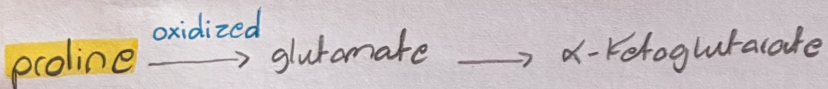
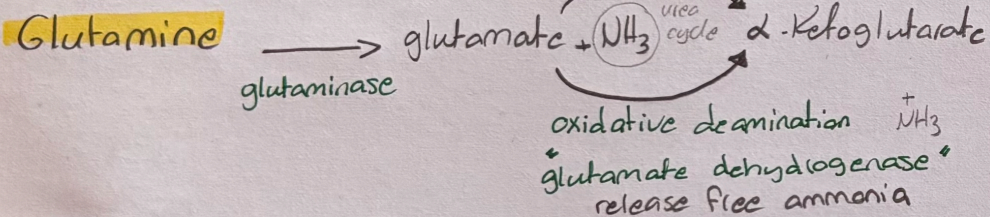
↳ glucogenic a.a



a.a forms

**α-Ketoglutarate**

↳ glucogenic a.a

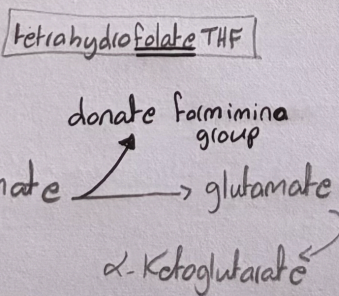
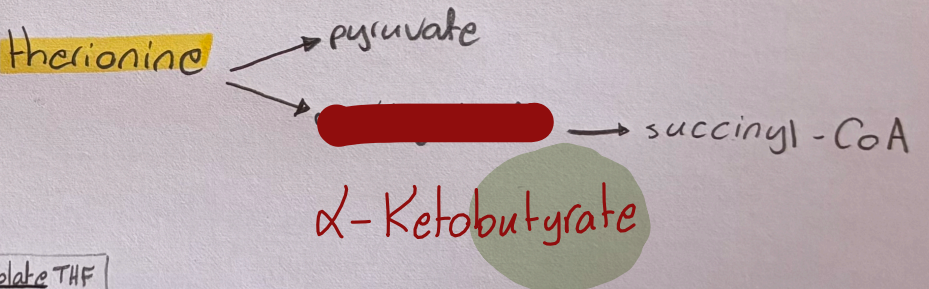
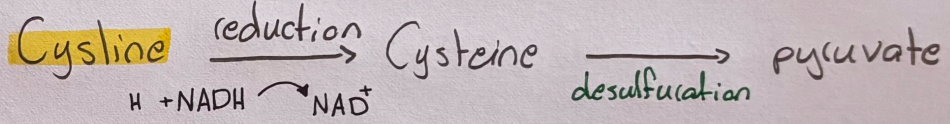
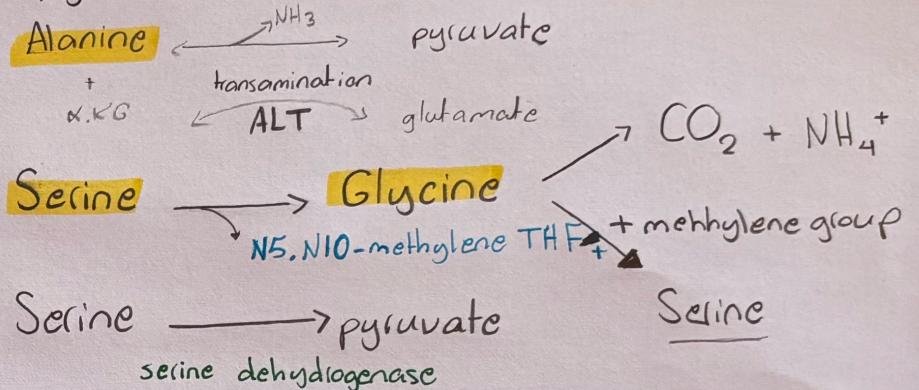


Folate deficiency  $\rightarrow$  FIGlu excretion test  
Folic acid

a.a forms

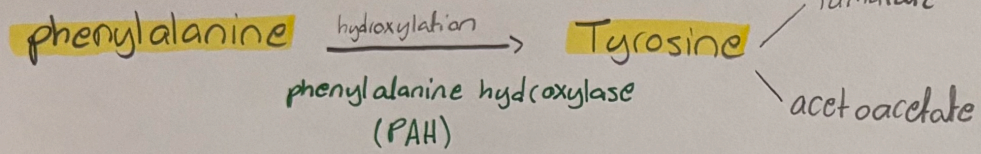
**pyruvate**

↳ glucogenic a.a



a.a forms Fumarate

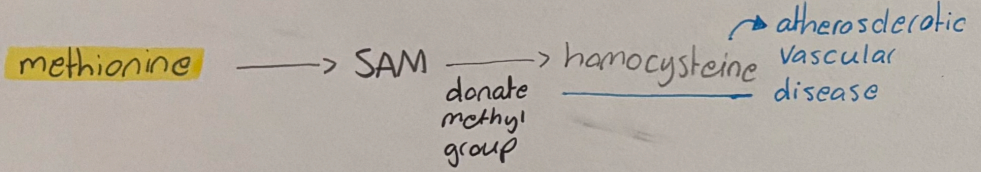
↳ hybrid (glucogenic + Ketogenic)



tetrahydrobiopterin + O<sub>2</sub>  
↳ co factor

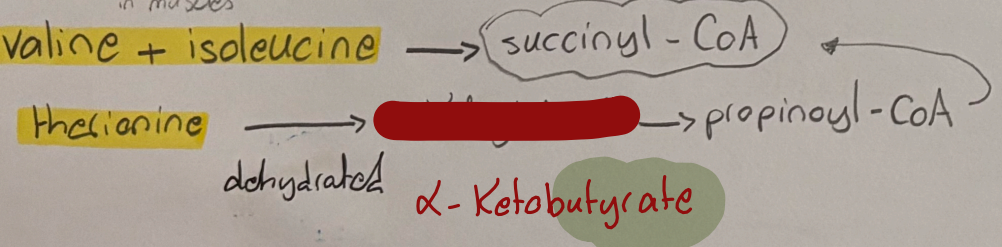
a.a forms Succinyl-CoA

↳ glucogenic



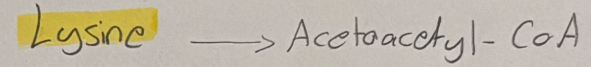
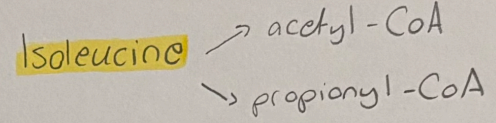
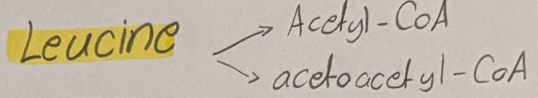
a.a forms succinyl-CoA

↳ glucogenic  
in muscles

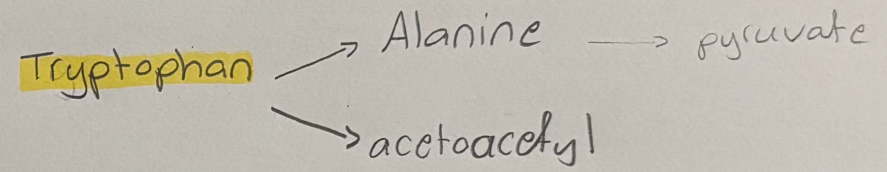


a.a forms Acetyl-CoA / acetoacetyl-CoA

↳ Ketogenic a.a



↳ Does NOT undergo transamination first



- can become 8
- oxaloacetate
  - $\alpha$ -Ketoglutarate
  - pyruvate
  - fumarate
  - succinyl-CoA
  - Acetyl-CoA or Acetoacetyl-CoA

# Catabolism of the carbon skeleton

## Amino acids that form oxaloacetate

After removing the amino group

glucogenic a.a

- Asparagine is hydrolyzed by asparaginase, liberating ammonia and aspartate
- Aspartate loses its amino group by transamination to form oxaloacetate



- Some rapidly dividing **leukemic cells** are unable to synthesize sufficient asparagine to support their growth. This makes asparagine an essential amino acid for these cells.

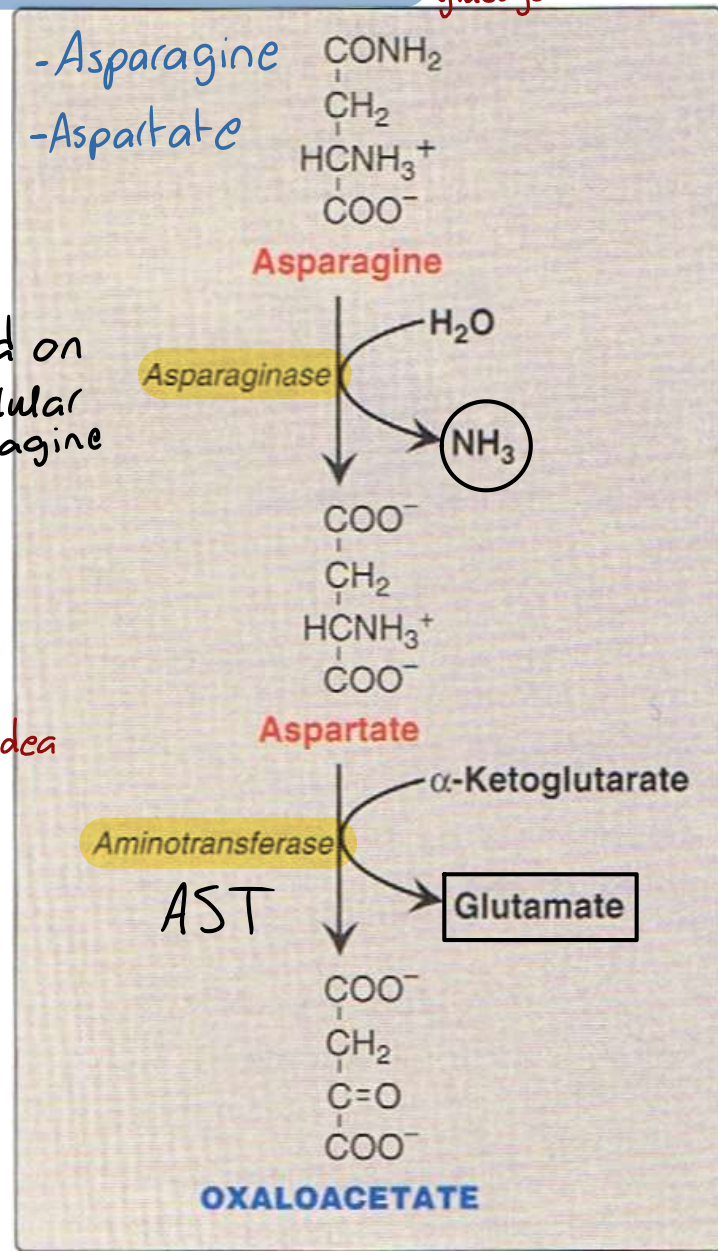
↳ can't be synthesized by the body

- Asparaginase can be administered systemically to treat leukemic patients.

↳ so it destroys Asparagine and these cells starve and die

depend on extracellular Asparagine

therapeutic idea



# Amino acids that form $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate

major transport form  
of ammonia

1. **Glutamine** is converted to glutamate and ammonia by the enzyme glutaminase. Glutamate is converted to  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate by transamination, or through oxidative deamination by glutamate dehydrogenase.
2. **Proline** is oxidized to glutamate. Glutamate is transaminated or oxidatively deaminated to form  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate.
3. **Arginine** is cleaved by **arginase** to produce ornithine (occurs primarily in the liver). Ornithine is subsequently converted to  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate.

+ **ornithine**

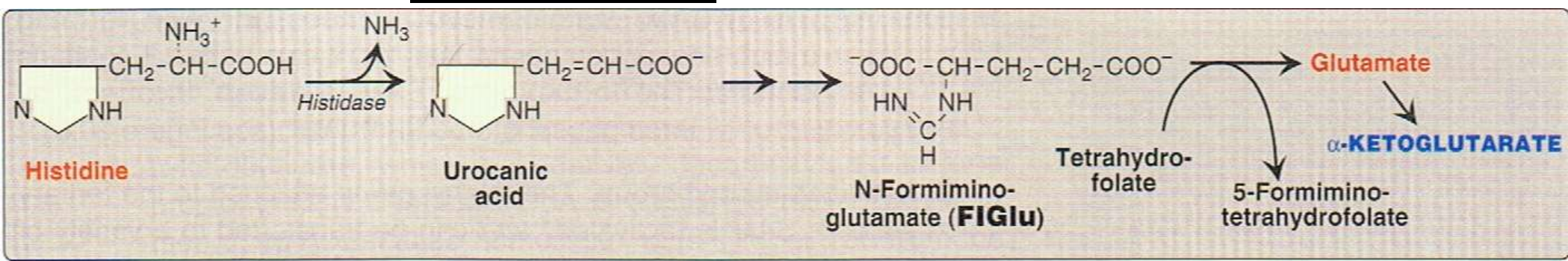
# Amino acids that form $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate

4. **Histidine** is oxidatively deaminated by histidase to urocanic acid, which subsequently forms N-formiminoglutamate (FIGlu). FIGlu donates its formimino group to tetrahydrofolate, leaving glutamate.

- Individuals deficient in **folic acid** excrete increased amounts of FIGlu in the urine (after ingestion of a large dose of histidine). The FIGlu excretion test has been used in diagnosing a deficiency of folic acid.

*Folate*

**Why is Folate Important Here?**  
Because:  
THF is required for proper FIGlu metabolism  
If folate is deficient:  
• FIGlu cannot transfer its group efficiently  
• FIGlu accumulates  
• excess FIGlu appears in urine



Amino acids that form  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate upon degradation include all the following except:

1.  Glutamine
2.  Serine
3.  Arginine
4.  Histidine
5.  Proline

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All amino acid that form  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate , except  
tryptophan الجواب

Important Integration: Glucose-Alanine Cycle

Muscle:

- sends alanine to liver
- liver converts alanine → pyruvate
- pyruvate used for gluconeogenesis

This transports:

- nitrogen safely
- carbon skeletons for glucose production

# Amino acids that form pyruvate

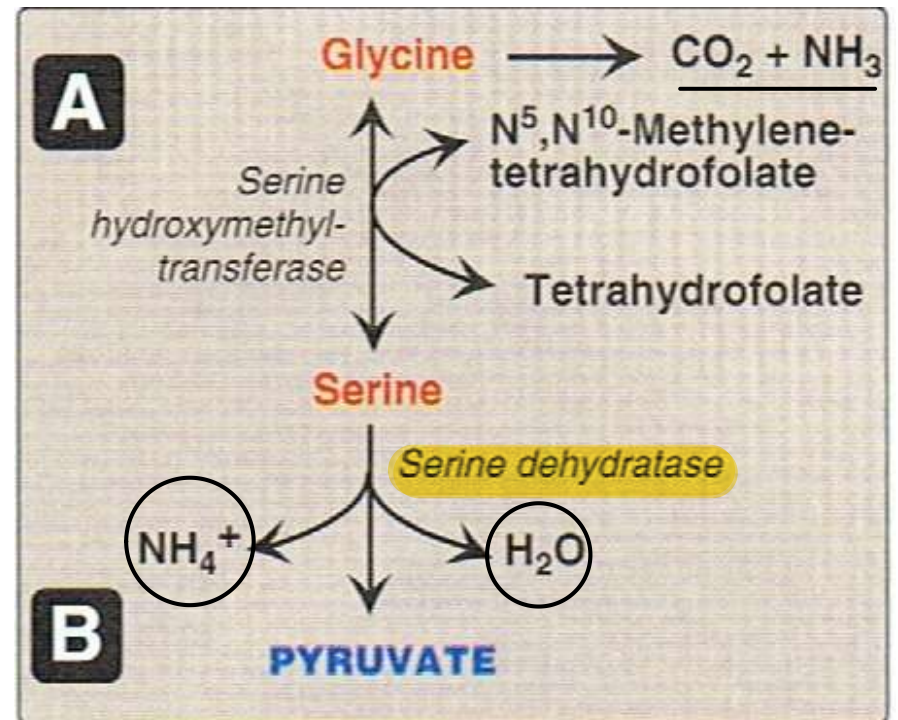
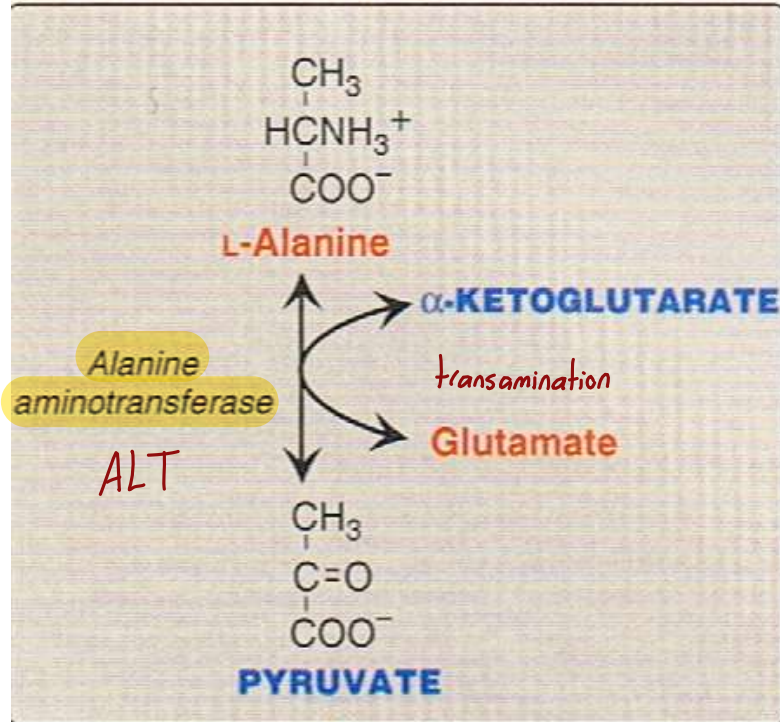
1. **Alanine** loses its amino group by transamination to form pyruvate
2. **Serine** can be converted to glycine and N5,N10-methylenetetrahydrofolate. Serine can also be converted to pyruvate by serine dehydratase.
3. **Glycine** can either be converted to serine by addition of a methylene group from N5,N10-methylenetetrahydrofolic acid, or oxidized to  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{NH}_4^+$
4. **Cystine** is reduced to cysteine, using  $\text{NADH} + \text{H}^+$  as a reductant. Cysteine undergoes desulfuration to yield pyruvate.
5. **Threonine** is converted to pyruvate or to  $\alpha$ -ketobutyrate, which forms succinyl CoA.



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# Amino acids that form pyruvate



# Amino acids that form fumarate

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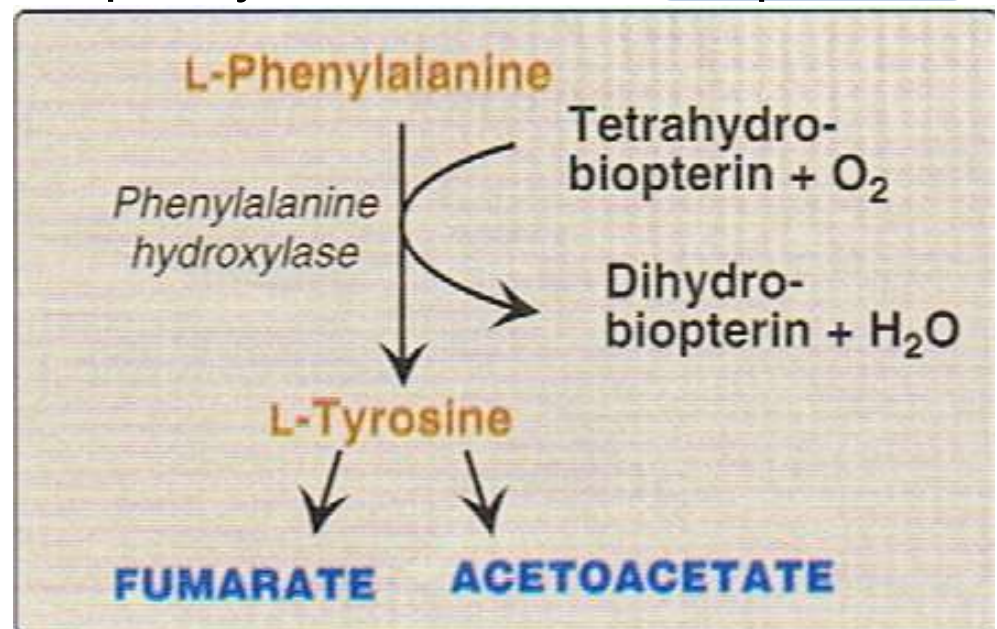
1. **Phenylalanine and tyrosine:** Hydroxylation of phenylalanine leads to the formation of tyrosine, which is catalyzed by **phenylalanine hydroxylase**. Thus, the metabolism of phenylalanine and tyrosine merge, leading ultimately to the formation of **fumarate and acetoacetate**. Phenylalanine and tyrosine are, therefore, both glucogenic and ketogenic.

2. **Inherited deficiencies in the enzymes of phenylalanine and tyrosine metabolism** lead to the diseases **phenylketonuria** and **alkaptonuria**, and the condition of **albinism**.

1- phenylketonuria PKU

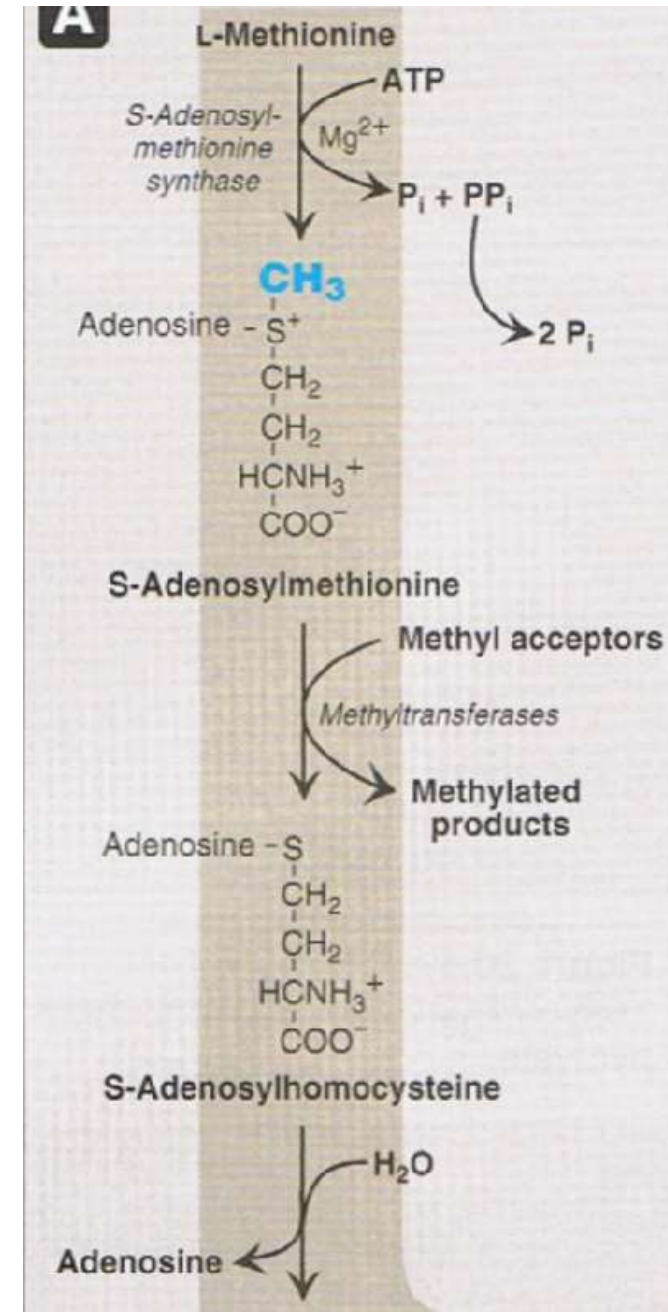
2- Alkaptonuria

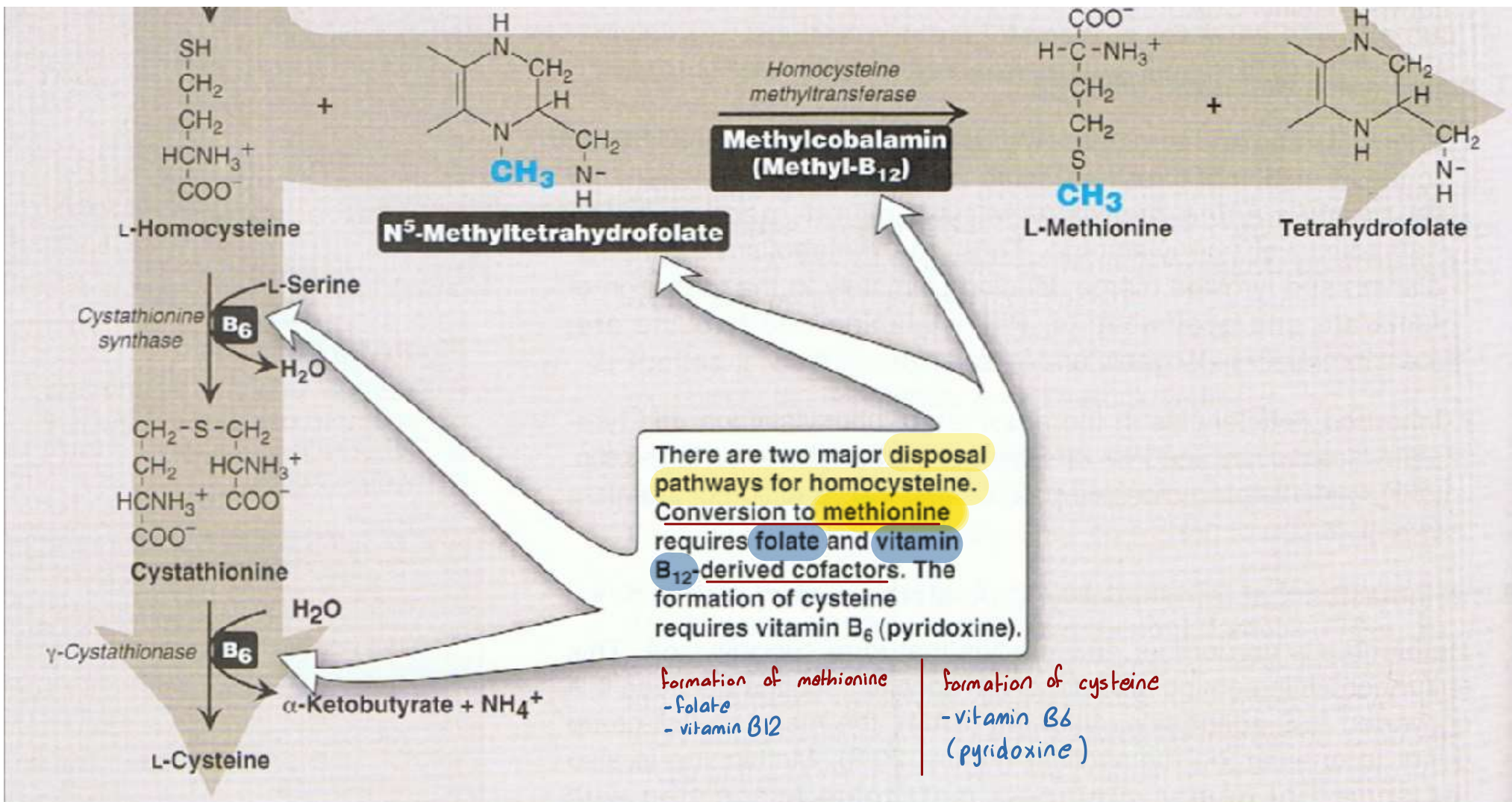
3- Albinism



# Amino acids that form succinyl CoA

- ❑ **Methionine**: Methionine is one of four amino acids that form succinyl CoA. This sulfur-containing amino acid deserves special attention because it is converted to **S-adenosylmethionine (SAM)**, the major methyl-group donor in one-carbon metabolism
- ❑ Methionine is also the source of **homocysteine**, a metabolite associated with atherosclerotic vascular disease.





# Amino acids that form succinyl CoA

Degradation of valine, isoleucine, and threonine also results in the production of succinyl CoA- a TCA cycle intermediate and glucogenic compound.

1. Valine and isoleucine are branched-chain amino acids that yield succinyl CoA.
2. Threonine is dehydrated to a-ketobutyrate, which is converted to propionyl CoA, the precursor of succinyl CoA.
3. Threonine can also be converted to pyruvate.

# Amino acids that form acetyl CoA or acetoacetyl CoA

❑ Leucine, isoleucine, lysine, and Tryptophan form acetyl CoA or acetoacetyl CoA directly, without pyruvate serving as an intermediate (through the pyruvate dehydrogenase reaction).

❑ there are a total of **six** ketogenic amino acids.

1. **Leucine** is exclusively ketogenic in its catabolism, forming acetyl CoA and acetoacetate. Like other branched-chain amino acids, isoleucine and valine.

2. **Isoleucine**: is both ketogenic and glucogenic, because its metabolism yields acetyl CoA and propionyl CoA. The first three steps in the metabolism of isoleucine are virtually identical to the initial steps in the degradation of the other branched-chain amino acids. valine and leucine.

*isoleucine* → *propionyl-CoA*

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# Amino acids that form acetyl CoA or acetoacetyl CoA

3. **Lysine**, an exclusively ketogenic amino acid, is <sup>+</sup>unusual in that neither of its amino groups undergoes transamination as the first step in catabolism. Lysine is ultimately converted to acetoacetyl CoA.
4. **Tryptophan** is both glucogenic and ketogenic because its metabolism yields alanine and acetoacetyl CoA.

exclusively Ketogenic

Leucine

Lysine

both Ketogenic & glucogenic

Isoleucine

tryptophan

Which of the following is does not match about amino acid metabolism



1-serine:pyruvate

2-tryptophan: ~~acetyl-CoA~~ Acetyl-CoA

3-phenylalanine: acstoacstat

4-isoleucine: propyine CoA

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| Final Product                | Amino Acids  | Classification              |
|------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Oxaloacetate (OAA)           | Aspartate, Asparagine  | Glucogenic                  |
| $\alpha$ -Ketoglutarate      | Glutamate, Glutamine, Proline, Arginine, Histidine, ornithine  | Glucogenic                  |
| Pyruvate                     | Alanine, Serine, Glycine, Cysteine, Threonine, Tryptophan*<br> | Glucogenic                  |
| Fumarate                     | Phenylalanine, Tyrosine  | Both glucogenic & ketogenic |
| Succinyl-CoA                 | Valine, Isoleucine, Methionine, Threonine  | Glucogenic                  |
| Acetyl-CoA / Acetoacetyl-CoA | Leucine, Lysine, Isoleucine, Tryptophan,<br>                  | Ketogenic or both           |

All of the following processes is exceclosiv  
to liver except:

1-ketone body *liver*

2-urea cycle *liver*

3- bile acid synthesis *liver*

4-oxidative diamination *liver / Kidney*

5-phosphorletion of glycerol *liver*